



DELINEATING AND SURVEYING FRESHWATER WETLAND BOUNDARIES

1. The purpose of the delineation of freshwater wetland boundaries is to provide a precise identification of the regulated wetland boundary and its 100 foot adjacent area in order to aid in the planning and design of projects which may affect the wetland resource.
2. New York State regulated freshwater wetlands may be delineated by qualified consultants. However, for a delineation to be official (eg. for use in permit applications), it must be validated by Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) staff. For more information, call the appropriate staff, as follows:

(845) 256-3091 Michael Clancy	-	Dutchess, Ulster & Westchester
(845) 256-3057 Doug Gaugler	-	Orange, Putnam, Rockland & Sullivan
3. In general, DEC requires that sponsors of development projects retain licensed engineers or surveyors to accurately plot the delineated wetland boundary on project plans. Such surveys may not be needed, however, for very small projects, inquiries of a general nature, and certain land sales.
4. Surveys and development plans for DEC permit applications must include the following validation block:

NYSDEC FRESHWATER WETLAND BOUNDARY VALIDATION

The freshwater wetland boundary as represented on these plans accurately depicts the limits of Freshwater Wetland _____ as delineated by _____ on _____.

DEC Staff: _____ Surveyor/Engineer: _____

Date: _____ SEAL

Wetland boundary as validated by DEC remains valid for three years from date of flagging or revalidation. For official use of the wetland boundary after this three year period, the boundary must be revalidated by DEC staff. This may include re-flagging and survey of the wetland boundary if changes are noted.

Any proposed construction, grading, filling, excavating, clearing or other regulated activity in the freshwater wetland or within 100 feet of the wetland boundary as depicted on this plan requires a permit from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation under Article 24 of the Environmental Conservation Law (Freshwater Wetlands Act) prior to commencement of work.

5. In addition to the accurate identification of the freshwater wetland boundary, the limit of the 100 foot adjacent area must also be plotted on development plans and survey.
6. Copies of plans or surveys containing the boundary delineation and validation block must be submitted to the appropriate DEC staff person as listed above in item #2 for validation and original signature before applying for a DEC permit. One copy will be retained by DEC as a file copy. **The signature and seal of the surveyor/engineer must be present prior to requesting DEC validation.**